General Sign regulations pertaining to Vieux Carre from CZO

Section 12.4. - Vieux Carré Standards.

In addition to all provisions of these regulations, the following shall apply to signs within the Vieux Carré section of the City:

General Sign Standards 12.4.1..

1.

No sign shall be displayed from the parapet of roofs or from any roof of any building within the Vieux Carré section of the City.

2.

In addition to the prohibitions contained in this section, approval of the display of a sign in the Vieux Carré section of the City shall be granted by the Vieux Carré Commission only when such signs and the plans, therefor, so far as they relate to the appearance, color, size, position, method of attachment, texture of materials and designs, conform to the quaint and distinctive character of the Vieux Carré section or do not injuriously affect it or impair the value to the community of those buildings having architectural or historical worth.

3.

Any sign displayed which no longer advertises a bona fide business conducted upon the premises shall, upon notification by the Vieux Carré Commission or its agent (who is hereby authorized to so proceed), be taken down, removed or obliterated within five (5) days after such notification. Failure to comply on the part of the owner, occupant, agent or person having the beneficial use of any building or premises upon which such sign may be found shall subject such person to the penalty provided in Section 1-6 of the City Code.

4.

No sign shall be placed upon a balcony, gallery, canopy, shed, roof, door or window or placed in any manner whatsoever so as to disfigure or conceal any architectural feature or detail of any building. No sign shall be displayed from any fence, wall or open lot unless it conforms in proportions to the allowable area and does not exceed the maximum.

Illuminated Sign Standards 12.4.2..

1.

In case of illuminated signs, where space must be provided between two (2) parallel faces for the installation of lighting fixtures, these faces shall not be farther apart than eighteen (18) inches and such lighting fixtures and all light sources shall be a steady light concealed: (a) Behind standard glass or other substance of equal or smaller light transmission factor; (b) by hoods; or, (c) by any acceptable method of indirect lighting approved by the Vieux Carré Commission.

2.

Illuminated signs must conform to the following regulations as to wattage, so as to avoid concentration of illumination:

a.

Signs measuring eighteen (18) by forty-two (42) inches must not have over 150 watts total for each sign. The wattage may be distributed evenly over the surface area of any one (1) side or over each of the two (2) sides of the sign,

behind opal glass. The same wattage maximum and even light distribution is required in an indirectly lighted sign.

b.

Signs measuring twenty-four (24) inches by forty-eight (48) inches must not have over 220 watts total for each sign. The wattage may be distributed evenly over the surface area of any one (1) side or over each of the two (2) sides of the sign, behind opal glass. The same wattage maximum and even light distribution is required in an indirectly lighted sign.

c.

Signs smaller than eighteen (18) inches by forty-two (42) inches must not use more than seventy-five (75) watts. The wattage may be distributed evenly over the surface area of any one (1) side or each of the two (2) sides of the sign using opal glass over all light openings. In no case can a sign smaller than eighteen (18) inches by forty-two (42) inches using the maximum allowable wattage concentrate the emitted illumination through a smaller area on each side than one (1) foot square. The same wattage maximum and even light distribution must be observed in an indirectly lighted sign.

Sign Permits and Administration 12.4.3..

1.

All applications for permits to display signs within the Vieux Carré section of the City shall be submitted to the Vieux Carré Commission for approval before a permit therefor may be issued.

2.

Application for a permit to display signs in the Vieux Carré section of the City shall be made to the Vieux Carré Commission on forms furnished for that purpose. Such an application shall also be accompanied by sketches and drawings in triplicate showing details of construction and foundation when required by the Building Code of the City and shall delineate the size, shape, design, color, lighting and position in relation to the building from or upon which it shall be displayed.

3.

Any sign or exterior illumination of walls, exteriors, roofs, or appurtenances of buildings within the Vieux Carré displayed contrary to the provisions of this section shall be removed.

4.

All sign repairs, replacements and changes shall conform with this Ordinance and shall have the approval of the Vieux Carré Commission, except as exempted in Section 12.6.2 of this article, prior to the issuance of a permit by the Department of Safety and Permits.